

In the specification:

Please replace paragraph 20 as follows:

[0020] A second anchor block 42 (shown more clearly in figure 2) is mounted at the top portion of the backing plate and also secured by rivets. This anchor block includes surfaces 44 and 46, which engage respective upper ends of the brake shoes 8 when the brake drum 6 is rotating in a direction that causes braking force to be applied. When the brake drum is rotating in the counterclockwise direction, as illustrated in figure 2, the friction braking forces will cause the lower end of the left brake shoe to engage the anchor block 14 and the upper end of the right brake shoe to engage anchor block 42 (as shown in phantom lines in figure 2). When the brake drum is rotating clockwise, the upper end of the left brake shoe will engage the anchor block 42 and the lower end of the right brake shoe will engage the anchor block 14 [(as shown in phantom lines in figure 2)]. Movement of the levers 8 in response to forces applied as illustrated by arrows F is shown in figure 2 in phantom lines. Thus, anchor block 14 serves the dual purpose of providing a fulcrum for the actuating levers and resisting the braking forces from the shoes.